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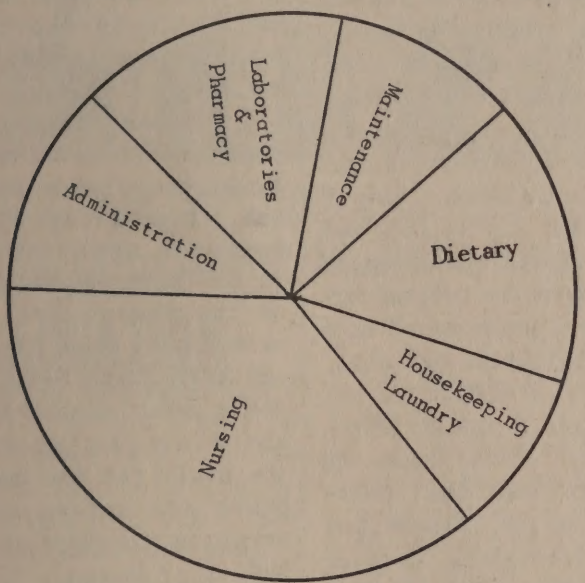
HUNDREDS OF HOURS FOR PATIENT CARE



Hours Worked Per Day By Departments

Few people realize the tremendous number of man hours necessary to provide proper medical care for patients twenty-four hours a day. A typical working day at the Beth Israel as shown by the above graph, contains 2,479 hours. This figure represents the approximate number of working hours spent by our more than 500 employees each 24 hour period. A study of the total daily hours reveals interesting facts about how they are divided:

The Nursing Department works over 900 hours daily in its contribution to patient care. The problem of serving over 1600 meals daily requires 454 man hours in the Dietary Department.

The Maintenance Department's employees spend 300 man hours per day to provide the necessary elevator service, gardening and general maintenance for the hospital. Keeping the Beth Israel 'hospital clean' and providing the many tons of clean linen takes over 260 working hours in Housekeeping and Laundry.

Our numerous laboratories and the Pharmacy operate 400 man hours every day. Administration, Purchasing and other offices combined require over 300 hours daily for their varied tasks in administering the hospital.

Only through our loyal employees, giving of their time and effort, is it possible to fulfill the tradition of service.

Charles F. Wilinsky, M.D.

ETHEL COHEN LEAVES BETH ISRAEL

Miss Ethel Cohen, Director of the Beth Israel Social Service Department for twenty years, resigned from her position on June 1, 1949.

Miss Cohen was employed even before the opening of the hospital to plan and organize the Social Service Department. Under her able and farsighted direction the department has grown and developed as an outstanding example for the whole country. Miss Cohen's interest and leadership in the field of educating medical students and physicians in the social aspects of illness has brought widespread recognition to her and to the Beth Israel Hospital.

The hospital has accepted Miss Cohen's resignation with sincere regret. The loss is not complete, however, as she has been appointed Consultant to the Social Service Department.

PERSONALITIES

Mary White

The Laundry Department boasts very highly of its capable and charming assistant superintendent, Miss White. 'Mary', as she is known to all, began working in the Beth Israel 14 years ago, and has advanced up the ladder to assistant.

Mary, a native of Boston, enjoys all the amusements that the city offers. She lives with her sister in their Huntington Avenue apartment which they are busily redecorating after a recent fire swept through the house.

The 'Record' extends wishes to Mary for a cool and pleasant vacation on the South Shore.

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

Now that the vacation season is on, many of our volunteers have departed until Fall. To them is extended our best wishes for a pleasant vacation. However, many remain and carry on their volunteer responsibilities and to them goes our sincere appreciation. Filling the vacancies of those leaving are the great number of college students who do a superb job as temporary substitutes and we extend a cordial welcome to them and the new junior group.

Recent doings include the annual Library Service Tea held at the Nurses Home in June. Guest speaker was *Judge Jennie Loitman Barron,* who addressed the group on the subject of Juvenile Delinquency *Mrs. Elsa Weinberg* entertained with her delightful selection of songs. Receipts from this affair go toward the operation of the Patients' Library; *Mrs. Leslie Pike* heads the Patients' Library Committee. *Chairman* of the tea *Betty Goldman* and committee, *Syd Rittenberg, Coralee Masters, Sally Finn,* and *Rae Kalis,* are to be commended for a lovely and successful afternoon.

Miss Virginia Marcus, recently graduated from Simmons College, is temporarily in charge of Volunteer Service while *Miss Dorothy Brickman* is recuperating from her recent illness. *Miss Marcus* formerly worked in the Admitting Office in OPD and assisted in Volunteer Service.

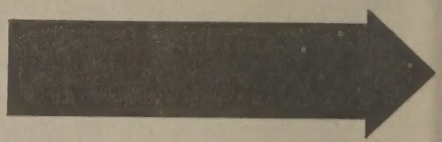
Fall plans will again include the annual VOLUNTEER GET-TOGETHER, because last year's party was so enthusiastically received. Presentation of awards for hours served will be made.

In the meantime, our department is ready to serve your every need. If you desire assistance, just call VOLUNTEER SERVICE!

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

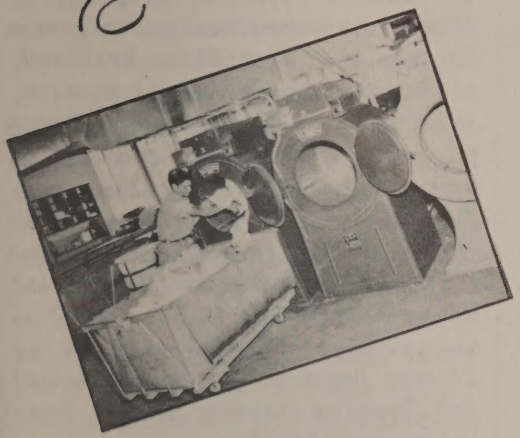
This year has seen many changes in the Social Service Department. In addition to *Miss Cohen* several other social workers left in May. *Mrs. Phillips* and *Mrs. Broida* are traveling in Europe. *Mrs. Wald* and *Mrs. Hoffman* left because of family responsibilities. *Miss Peay* completed her medical social internship and has returned to the State Health Department in South Carolina.

We have been sorry to lose these staff members but we are happy to welcome our new workers. *Miss Bessie Schless,* formerly of Montefiore Hospital in New York is the new Director of the Social Service Department. *Miss Jean Barbara Pittman* and *Miss Susan Beach* have joined the regular Social Service Staff and *Miss Thelma Bloom* is on the staff for the summer months. Other new social workers have arranged to come during August and September.



1. 'Tumblers' are used to dry the Wash
2. One of the new 'dump washers' in action.
3. Laundry must be carefully sorted.
4. The automatic folder helps production
5. Water must be spun out of the wet wash at 750 R.P.M.
6. Personal wear receives individual attention by Mae Bastian.
7. 'Feeding' the new 8-roll flatwork ironer.
8. Perce McDiarmid, Laundry Superintendant.
9. Coats and uniforms are ironed on steam presses.

3100 POUNDS PER DAY!



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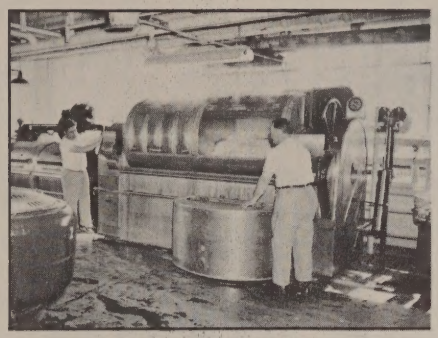

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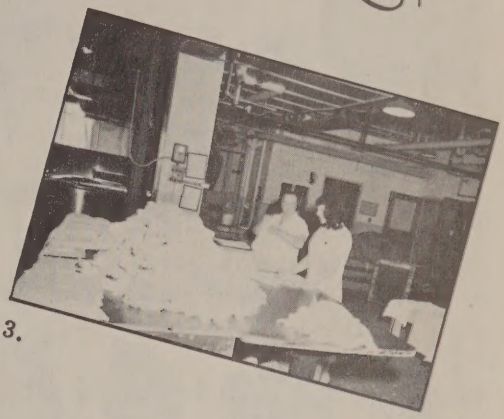

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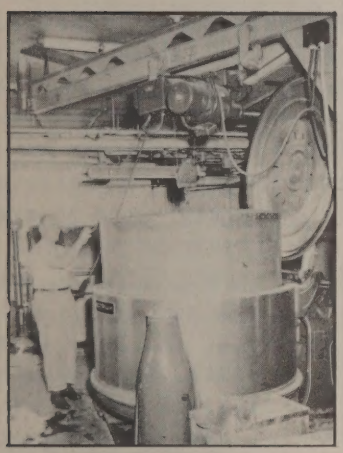

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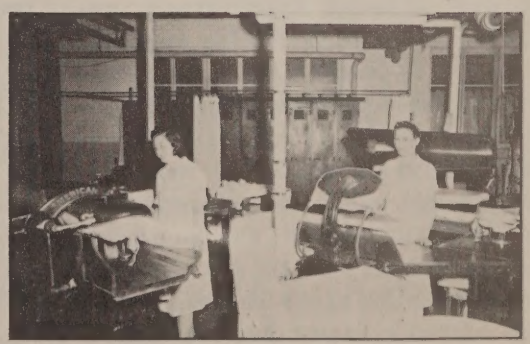

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BETH ISRAEL GRADUATES

Left to Right-Front row: Edna Berman, Libia Robinson, Franced Rothbart, Ruth Sochrin, Ruth Schwartz, Bernice Gruber, Ursel Schwarz, Flora Smith.

Back row: Rita Kramer, Phyllis Gotlib, Phyllis Liftman, Bertha Knoff, Marie Sinclair, Marilyn Minevitz, Helen Zallen, Rachel Odess, Rhoda Morse, Eleanor Bogen.

GRADUATION

Four awards were presented at the School of Nursing graduation held at the Temple Israel Meeting House on May 11. *Dr. Charles Wilinsky,* Executive Director, presented the Evelyn Levins Award to *Rita Kramer.* The Kaufman Medal was awarded to *Flora Smith* by *Mr. William Kaufman,* while *Mrs. Joseph Levy,* President of the Women's Auxiliary, presented *Adele Colchy* with the Ernestine Prager Prize. *Miss Rachel Odess* received the Claire Sonis Award from the Beth Israel Nurses' Alumnae Association, represented by *Miss Thelma Raphael.*

Dr. Nathaniel Faxon, Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, delivered the graduation address. The address, entitled 'Who Did It' was an interesting resume of the evolution of hospital care since its beginning. One of the greatest factors in this evolution, said *Dr. Faxon,* was the development of nursing care. He devoted most of his remarks to the progress in the nursing profession from its inception to the present.

Mr. Joseph Wiseman, Chairman of the Nursing School Committee, presided over the exercises and *Mr. Israel Friedlander,* President of the Beth Israel Hospital Association, presented diplomas to the class of eighteen students.

Miss Mary C. Gilmore, Principal, presented the Report of the School of Nursing. *Miss Gilmore* commented that the 1949 graduating class was one of the smallest classes ever to graduate from the School. However, she stated that September's incoming class will be the largest group since the war years.

An informal reception in the Social Hall of the Temple Israel Meeting House followed the graduation ceremonies. Guests included relatives and friends of the students as well as the hospital personnel, graduates of the School, members of the Board of Trustees and friends of the School.

NURSES NOTES

Miss Evelyn Rosen is on leave of absence from the hospital to attend the summer session at Boston University. *Mrs. Eliza Brillard,* also attending the summer session, has been able to fit classes with her working schedule. She will be on duty in the Training School Office from 4 to 12 p.m.--Visitors to the Department this summer included *Mrs. Swartz (Katherine Andler)* and *Mrs. Feinberg (Ida Louise Cohen).*--Engagements include those of *Eleanor Bogen* to *Dr. Harold Weizel* and *Suzanne Swartz* to *Dr. Eric Liberman.*--Wedding bells rang in June for *Mary Connor* and *Dr. Lester Persky.*--*Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailet (Sylvia Osharow)* are the parents of a baby girl.--The student association held a weinie roast at Nahant in June; we hear it was a very successful affair.--Capping for the January section of students took place July 6, 1949.--The basement under the Nurses Home Annex is being finished off into one large classroom, a study room, and a conference room. No more interruptions by waste cans and other traffic passing the door!--Other improvements: new shelves in the Library, erected by the Maintenance Department, and new easy chairs for the students' rooms in the Nurses Home.

Of the eighteen students who graduated in May, three were selected to represent excellence in some phase of Nursing. *Rachel Odess* received the Claire Sonis Award because she typifies the best all-round Beth Israel graduate. *Marilyn Minevitz* was awarded the Kaufman Medal for excellence in theory, practice and kindly nursing. *Rita Kramer* was presented with the Evelyn Levins Award for sympathetic nursing. *Adele Colchy,* was recipient of the Ernestine Prager Prize given to a second-year student for excellence in bedside nursing.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATOM

Radios, newspapers and magazines constantly keep before our eyes the dreadful specter of the atomic age. Rarely do writers tell us of the other side of the atom---the benefits already derived from this strange power.

Medical men see in the power of radioactivity a vast force to combat disease. Research projects all over the country employ radioactive isotopes to cure or relieve diseases. A radioactive isotope, a material which has gone through the atom-smashing process, has the peculiar power of giving off rays of energy. These rays are of two kinds. One, the long 'gamma rays' serve to label the material as radioactive. The second are the short 'beta rays'. These are deadly for they move at great speed and destroy tissue.

Our own research doctors and technicians are engaged in extensive work with radioactivity. One phase of this work is the use of radioactive iodine to combat diseases of the thyroid gland. One disease, called hyperthyroidism, often proves quite disabling to its victims.

When increased thyroid activity (hyperthyroidism) is present, the thyroid takes up great amounts of iodine from the body. With the appearance of radioactive iodine and its labeling gamma rays, doctors found they could easily diagnose a diseased thyroid by simple administration of the new iodine by mouth. Its labelers, located by a special machine, measure the amount of iodine uptake.

Research, however, has not stopped with diagnosis. Soon came the discovery that large injections of radioactive iodine will actually destroy the diseased thyroid by action of its deadly beta rays.

'Hot' iodine, as research workers call it, performs the operation without surgery. This is indeed a step forward to be credited to the other side of the atom, and to the medical research men and women who saw its possibilities.

Radioactive iodine research at the Beth Israel, one of the largest projects of its kind in the nation, is being carried out by *Dr. Herrman L. Blumgart, Dr. A. Stone Freedberg, Dr. Alvin Ureles* and *Dr. George Kurland.* Assisting the doctors are *Miss Mary McManus* and *Miss Barbara Seamon,* Technicians.

This work has been made possible by the support of the Office of Naval Research and the Atomic Energy Commission and has been done in close collaboration with members of the Endocrine Clinic, *Drs. Mark F. Lesses, Samuel Gargill* and *Louis Hermanson.*

Building Progresses

It is my pleasure to report that the construction of both the new hospital and the Yamins Research Laboratory is progressing rapidly. Plastering is nearly completed throughout and painting has started in the research building. Tiling is completed and finishing of floors and ceilings is going ahead. It is felt that the new Beth Israel Hospital will be an attractive and practical addition for the betterment of community health.

C.F. Wilinsky, M.D.

THE RECORD SHOWS

The Hospital finds itself on the traditional summer merry-go-round of wedding announcements: *Miss Janet Tobias* (Clinical Path) wed *Dr. Alvin Morris,* former B.I. intern, in July. August weddings include those of *Leda Kaplan* (X-Ray) to *Mr. Sanford Fern* of the Maxwell Davis Advertising Agency, and *Miss Anne Blais* (Dietitian) to *Stephen Hoye,* Harvard Medical student.

Full-time housekeeping duties claimed *Mrs. Jane Harris,* Bacteriologist, and *Mrs. Doris Goldstein,* Secretary in the Dietitian's Office, both of whom left the hospital in June after six years' service.

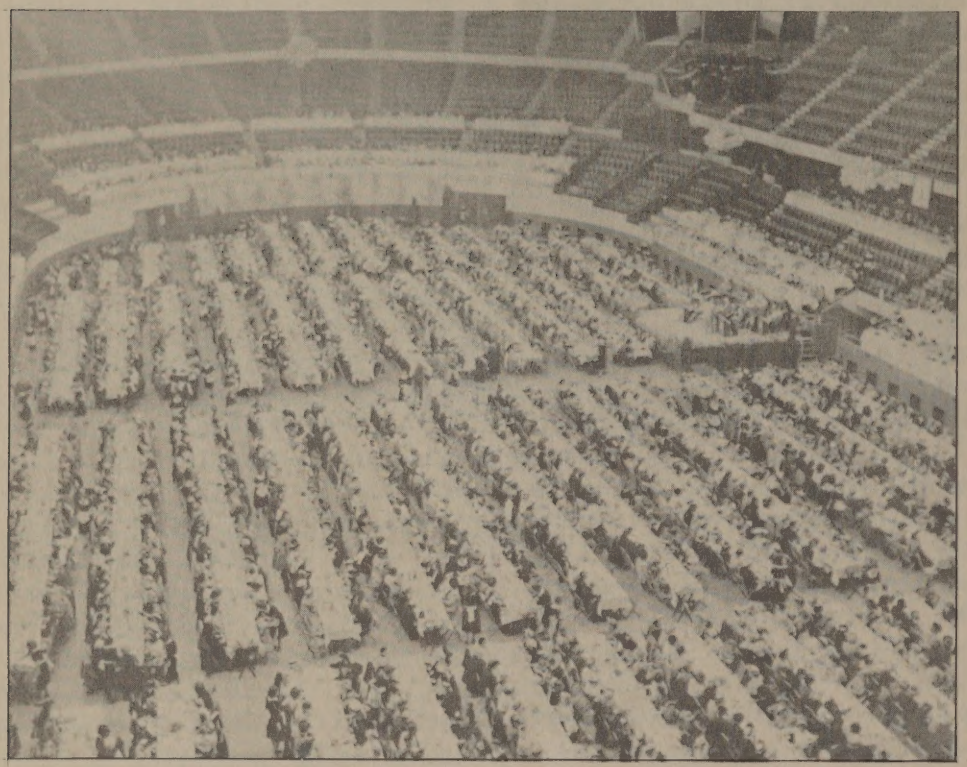
Mr. Ernest Sable, Administrative Resident, has been appointed Administrative Assistant at the Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

The 'Record' congratulates *Bill Janek,* our Chef, who completed twenty years' service at the hospital in June.

Mrs. June Malone, who is secretary of the National Executive Housekeepers Association, was chairman of the recent N.E.H.A. meeting in Boston.

HE DELAYED HIS VACATION FOR THIS ONE

Women's Auxiliary News



LUNCHEON AT BOSTON GARDEN

Above is a Bird's Eye View of the nearly 3300 guests at the Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary 23rd Annual Luncheon on May the fifth at the Boston Garden, which was transformed into a vast dining hall for the event. *Mrs. Irving Zussman,* Chairman of the annual luncheon, presided.

All proceeds of the luncheon will go towards furnishing the new wing of the Beth Israel Hospital for the departments of Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Medical and Surgical services.

An invocation by *Judge Jennie Loitman Barron,* Honorary President of the Auxiliary, opened the program. *Mrs. Joseph Levy,* President of the Women's Auxiliary, welcomed the guests and presented *Israel Friedlander,* President of the hospital; *Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky,* Executive Director; *Milton Kahn,* President of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies; *Sidney Liswood,* Assistant Director of the hospital, and *Sidney S. Cohen,* Executive Director of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies. *Mrs. Nehemiah H. Whitman,* Chairman of the Friends of the Maternity Unit and *Mrs. Ira I. Nelson,* Chairman of the Committee for Furnishing the New Wing, delivered messages to the assembly.

Guest of honor and master of ceremonies was television star *Milton Berle; Frankie Carle* and the *Mills Brothers* appeared with *Berle. Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb* was Chairman of the Program.

Beth Israel In Memorial Tribute To Mrs. George Wyner

Impressive memorial services for the late *Mrs. George Wyner* were held on Monday afternoon, June the sixth in the nurses' home of the Beth Israel Hospital, when in the presence of the officers and leaders of the hospital and the auxiliary glowing tribute was paid the departed pioneer worker, leader and benefactress of the institution.

Mrs. George Wyner, who died on April 18, 1949 was treasurer of the women's auxiliary, Mother and Founder Chairman of life membership. The women's auxiliary have suffered a truly irreparable loss by reason of her death. She exemplified the ideals and purpose of all those who are concerned with the welfare and development of the Beth Israel Hospital.

The program participants were: *Mrs. Joseph Levy,* President of the women's auxiliary; *Judge Jennie Loitman Barron,* Honorary President of the auxiliary and *Mr. Israel Friedlander,* President of the hospital.

A set of Resolutions, beautifully engraved and handsomely bound were presented by the Board of Trustees of the hospital and by the Women's Auxiliary of the Beth Israel Hospital to *Rudolph H. Wyner,* a son, representing the Wyner family.

Mrs. Levy read the Resolutions passed by the Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary. The musical program included selections by *Herbert Fromm,* organist of Temple Israel, and *Cantor Alfred Rosbach,* of Temple Ohabei Shalom.